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The Brady Brief - Honoring our Nation's Veterans

Dear Friend,

Each year, Memorial Day gives our nation the opportunity to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. This year, as we again honor service members who have died, we hope to truly dignify their sacrifices by doing all that we can for those who have served and are currently serving our nation. Recently, Congress has taken up specific bills designed to do just that, and I have proudly supported each one.

- **New GI Bill for the 21st Century**

- Restores the promise of a full, four-year college education for those with at least 90 days of active duty service on or after September 11, 2001
- Extends education benefits for all children of service members who have died on active duty since 9/11/2001
- Provides funds for housing, books, and supplies for those taking advantage of these education benefits

- **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act**

- Provides \$1.3 billion to rebuild and renovate our aging military hospitals and ambulatory care centers
- Implements a tax credit to businesses for hiring unemployed veterans
- Allocates \$555 million for assistance to military homeowners, including wounded warriors and surviving spouses

- **Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act**

- Provides support to family and others who care for disabled, ill, or injured veterans
- Enhances health services for the 1.8 million women veterans, including care for newborns for the 1st time in history
- Expands mental health services for veterans and health care access for veterans in rural areas
- Prohibits co-payments for veterans who are catastrophically disabled
- Expands the organizations offering transitional housing and other support for homeless veterans

I have also introduced my own legislation, the National Heroes Credit Protection Act, which would protect service members from damage to their credit ratings caused by deployments in defense of the nation. In Philadelphia specifically, I secured hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants to help fund a Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program in Philadelphia. This program provides veterans with emergency shelter, substance abuse counseling and treatment, employment assistance, transportation, and clothing.

If you have any questions regarding these Congressional actions or

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